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In the meantime the Bible Society has opened its store in the Corso, near the very spot where, a few years ago, the priests made a bonfire of "bad books, and destroyed every copy of the Holy Scriptures which they could lay their hands on. A colporteur may be seen freely selling in the streets the two Testaments, Old and New, or single copies of the Gospels, as (trust, for a solid purpose) the Y. M. C. A. does. The new road, which is by no means generally the case, will be found reading the New Testament in her uterine kitchen, leaving the dinner-things unattended because, "Oh! she is so absorbed in her studies and her carriage, too, whilst he waits for her on a shop, brings from his pocket the halfpenny copy of St. Matthew or St. John, and is so absorbed in the perusal of the golden doctrine of the Sermon on the Mount, or history of the birth of the Saviour—whom he pleasantly recognises as the blessed Bambino of the *Art Cafi*, the delight of his boyhood, when he has to see him, out of another gown, when you are ready to proceed. Everywhere, sometimes in almost indignant ways, you see how the imagery of the Bible is taking hold of the public mind; thus, the *Corriere*, one of the halfpenny newspapers, now so eagerly read by the lower class, was speaking of the gallant appearance which the mayor of the city made when riding along the Corso. It described him as mounted on a "white horse," one of the steeds in the Apocalypse—no longer in the comparison drawn from the familiar steeds of Pius and Praxiteles on Monte Cavallo, but from those seen by St. John in his vision of the Lord's-day in the city of the living. So, again, at the merry artist's festival, when Pharaoh was represented in all his Egyptian grandeur, one of the attendants was heard explaining to his fellows the significance of the costume, and then being full of the *Mosaic* narrative, he gave the whole history of the Children of Israel.

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